

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 11, 2006, it was brought to the Applicants' attention that the amendment filed March 23, 2006 was not in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 because the status identified in claim 13 was ambiguous. The Applicants kindly request the Examiner to enter the instant substitute amendment, in which the status of claim 13 has been corrected to recite "(Original)". Only the corrected section is submitted herewith, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Claims 1-6, 8-23, and 25-30 remain pending in the instant application. All claims presently stand rejected. Claims 1, 3, 12, and 20 are amended herein. Claims 7 and 24 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

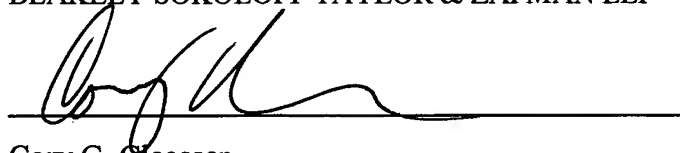
It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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